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Turks and Caicos Islands

US State Dept Travel Advisory	The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens RECONSIDER travel to the Turks and Caicos Islands due to COVID-19. Exercise increased caution due to crime. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html
Passport/Visa Requirements	US citizens should make sure their passport is valid at the date of their entering the country and during the length of their entire visit. No need for blank pages in their passport for any entry stamp. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than 89 days.
US Embassy/ Consulate	None (overseas territory of the UK); US citizens may call US Dept of State (202)-501- 4444 for emergencies; alternate contact is the Embassy in The Bahamas [1] (242) 322-1181, 328-2206 (after hours); US Embassy Nassau, 42 Queen St., Nassau, The Bahamas; acsnassau@state.gov; https://bs.usembassy.gov/
Telephone Code	649
Local Emergency Phone	999, 911
Vaccinations	See WHO recommendations <u>http://www.who.int</u>
Climate	Tropical; marine; moderated by trade winds; sunny and relatively dry
Currency (Code)	Dollar (USD)
Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)	120 V / 60 Hz / plug type(s): A, B



Major Languages	English
Religions	Protestant 72.8%, Roman Catholic 11.4%, Jehovah's Witness 1.8%
Time Difference	UTC-5 (same time as Washington, DC, during Standard Time)
Potable Water	Yes
International Driving Permit	Suggested

Road Driving Side	Left	
Tourist destinations	Crossing Place trail hike; Mudjin Harbour; Pine Cay; Salt Cay; Conch Bar Caves National Park; Grand Turk Lighthouse; Turks & Caicos National Museum	
Major Sports	Soccer, sailing	
Cultural Practices	Dining does not usually call for formal wear, but stylish and appropriate clothing is expected.	
Tipping Guidelines	Check your bill to see if a 10% service charge has been added. If so, you may supplement it by 5% or even more if service was outstanding. If no service charge has been added, then tip as you would in the US, about 15%. Be aware that when a large party dines together, a hefty service fee may be added at the end. Taxi drivers expect about a 10% tip.	
Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.		
World Health Organization (WHO) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int		
US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html		
To obtain an international driving permit (IDP). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association (AAA) (www.aaa.com) and		
	American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA) (www.aataidp.com)	
How	to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:	

from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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